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For: ELASTIC SHAFT COUPLING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
COUPLING ELEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

Documents AA and AL on the attached List are cited in the specification, on page 2, and their relevance is indicated therein. Applicants' Japanese representative has provided the appended comments regarding the relevance of Documents AM-AL\*.

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1) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 56-39325

A tubular shaft is disclosed.

2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 6-329033

A stopper pin is disclosed.

3) Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open

No. 6-53825

A stopper pin is disclosed.

4) Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open

No. 6-1855

A stopper pin is disclosed.

5) Japanese Patent Post-Examined Publication

No. 57-45925

A stopper plate is disclosed.

6) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 8-170647

Cold forged stoppers are not tubular.